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SRI G. YELLAMANDA REDDI:—" ఈ భూములను బీదవారికి దక్కనివ్వకుండా భూస్వాములుకొంటున్న విషయం ప్రభుత్వానికి తెలుసునా ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" ఏమో నాకుతెలియదండి."

DR. G. CHITRAMBALAM :—" Sir, will the Government collect the cost of lands from the political sufferers who have already been granted lands in and around the towns in the State? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Under the law we cannot re-open the matter, Sir."

SRI M. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" Sir, in view of the famine conditions prevailing and the food shortage from which we are suffering, do the Government think it advisable to collect money from the landless poor for the lands that were assigned to them? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" This question does not refer to cultivable lands, but refers to valuable lands in towns and if people want those lands they must pay for it, I think."

Loan to the Paper board-making Industry, Kakinada.

* 313 *Q.*—SRI C. V. K. RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) what amount of money has been granted as loan to the paper board-making Industry in Kakinada; and

(*b*) whether the factory is working?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) No loan has been granted to the paper board-making Industry in Kakinada under the State Aid to Industries Act.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Food position in the State.

* 314 *Q.*—SRI C. V. K. RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received reports from District Collectors of the deteriorating food situation in the State; and

(*b*) what steps the Government propose to take?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government are constantly in touch with the general food position in each district through reports received from various sources. They have taken adequate measures to ensure the distribution of foodgrains to the needy population through the fair price shops and the free supply of gruel in areas affected by scarcity."

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SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Sir, is it not a fact that the Union Food Minister, the Hon. Mr. Rafi Ahmad Kidwai, is now paying a visit to this State for a second time in recent months to impress on the State Government the gravity of the food situation which this Government is ignoring to tackle properly and why is it that the Government have not taken steps to enforce the order of controlling foodgrain dealers in order to check the rise in prices of foodstuffs, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Too many assumptions and presumptions have been made and they are all wrong. It is not a fact that the Union Food Minister came over here for the purpose of impressing on this Government something which we are ignoring. He came here generally to discuss the food situation and to find the food requirements here for the next year. Therefore the assumption that he came here for some other purpose is quite wrong."

SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI :—" కడపలో జిల్లా కలెక్టర్లు సమావేశమై worst famine affected areas కు, Famine Code వర్తింప చేయాలని చేసిన సూచనను ప్రభుత్వంవారు అమలుజరుపుతారా ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, now as a policy we are not applying the Famine Code, because it is considered a little bit out-of-date, but we are giving relief to famine affected areas in all possible ways."

SRI S. THINAKARASAMI THEVAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have received any report from the Collector of Madurai as regards supply of foodstuffs to needy taluks? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We have received reports from all Collectors, including the Madurai Collector."

Boring sets in the Government department.

* 315 Q.—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the number of boring sets available in the department; and

(b) whether the Government will be pleased to increase the number of boring sets, so as to provide one set for every taluk? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) One hundred and seventy-eight handboring sets, 14 steam engine driven drills and 25 diesel engine driven drills including one rotary drill are available in the department.

" (b) Government have recently sanctioned the manufacture of 50 additional handboring sets and the purchase of 12 more diesel engine driven drills. With the addition of these the number of boring sets will be equal to the number of taluks, though their actual distribution will be in areas where they will be most useful."